



DRC & KENYA FIELD EXPERIENCE : LEVERAGING COMMUNITY ORGS for INTEGRATED ACTION on NUTRITION SECURITY & RESILIENCE

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ACF MISSION STATEMENT



Our mission is to save lives by eliminating hunger through the *prevention*, detection and *treatment* of malnutrition.

From crisis to sustainability, we tackle the underlying and basic causes of malnutrition and its effects.

By integrating our programmes with local and national systems we further ensure that *short-term interventions become long-term solutions.*









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→ addressing basic causes of malnutrition





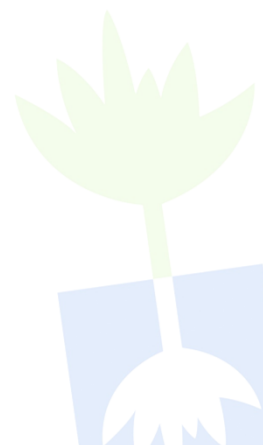
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ACF Talking points (1)

1. Community groups such as MTMSG and CCBN are formed in areas of chronically high undernutrition prevalence to complement treatment activities with a platform for **nutrition education, MIYCN messaging & training**, with support from MOH and an NGO → **addressing immediate causes of malnutrition**
2. Groups become local participatory forums for mothers to **exchange around good practice** (diet, hygiene, care...)
3. Groups evolve to **identify & discuss a range of local socio-cultural issues** important to them e.g. Nutrition, Health, Hygiene, Food Security, Economic Development → **developing local ownership**

ACF Talking points (2)

4. Groups may mobilize to **address these issues on their own initiative** by supporting community development projects e.g. poultry keeping, vegetable gardens, seed multiplication → **addressing basic causes of malnutrition**
5. Presence of groups also enables **more effective outreach & follow-up from local MOH** on prevention activities e.g. supplementation, pre and post natal care services → **health systems strengthening approach**
6. Nutrition education becomes an **entry point to development and resilience-building activities** → **twin track approach**

ACF Talking points (3)

7. Complementary **advocacy actions with local government** encourage appropriate budgetary allocations for health systems → **developing political leadership & cementing impact**
8. The next big challenge is developing ways to **monitor & evaluate impact** of these and other nutrition resilience programming approaches
9. CCBN and MTMSG are just two examples that illustrate ACF's **nutrition security approach** to prevent and address malnutrition over the long term using **holistic, coordinated** and **multisectoral** ways of working

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ACF Talking points (4)

10. In summary, **key principles** of ACF nutrition security approach are:
 - ✓ Prioritize **high burden areas & nutritionally at risk** populations
 - ✓ Base programming on **multisectoral nutrition-sensitive analysis**
 - ✓ Design **holistic, integrated, at scale & long term** response strategies
 - ✓ **Do No Harm** to nutrition
 - ✓ Mainstream **gender sensitive** approaches
 - ✓ Assess & document nutrition **impact**
 - ✓ Build & foster adequate **skills and capacity**
 - ✓ Align to **local priorities** and realities
 - ✓ Advocate for **lasting changes in policies, practices and capacity**